



Rovin' Rvers

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I would say welcome to spring, except it seems as though winter did not come, at least not here in the Ohio valley where I am toiling on a pipeline project. I did learn how to ready the motor home for winter weather although it turned out to be mostly unnecessary. In a few weeks this task will end and Betty and I will be joining you in travels. I hope that many of our members will be able to travel to Norfolk in early September for our annual meeting.

At that time it will be our task to elect some new officers. Our treasurer and our wagon master have informed me that they have purchased a condo on the Gulf Coast and wish to be replaced. That leaves some mighty big shoes to fill as Pete and Sharleen have done a magnificent job over the last several years in those positions. They will be sorely missed and I thank them for tasks well served.

I personally would prefer to be considered for the open wagon master position and for someone else to step up to the office of president. Our very able and effective secretary, Dewey, has agreed to serve for another year.

I hereby request volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Please forward your willingness to do so to me soon. Anyone willing to be nominated for any officer position should do likewise and I will forward your name to the committee.

Pleasant travels and keep the shiny side up.

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WAGONMASTER REPORTS

I really don't have much to report. The next newsletter will contain a summary of information I've sent out before regarding the September USSVI convention and camping facilities.

After 4 years of being Wagon Master, I will not be running for this position come September at our annual meeting. I have enjoyed the friends I've made and coordinating the get togethers at our annual meeting.

Sharleen and I purchased a condo in Gulf Shores, AL last September and will be spending time down there. We are going on several motor home trips this year and will make a decision after the first of next year as to whether or not we want to keep RVing. We have seen most of the United States as we have been RVers for 8 years.

When I took this position 4 years ago, I attempted to set up a regional Wagon Master organization so there could be more get togethers in specific parts of the country. While I had a few volunteers, the idea never took off. I still believe it is something worth looking at and maybe should be discussed at this year's annual meeting.

Pete Rathmell, Wagon Master

WEBMASTER REPORTS & TECH. NEWS

For those of you that are Windows users and still using XP you should know that in 2014 Microsoft will no longer support that Operating System. And if you are still using it you should know that you may be missing out of current Internet items that don't work that well on XP. We all know that Microsoft's Vista was a disaster. In fact that was what drove me to Apple. Yes, I went to Mac and never looked back. What a difference. That aside, Microsoft came out with Windows 7 over a year ago. It is touted to be the best Operating System that they have ever produced. Now, that being said, should you switch to Windows 7 now? That depends. Windows is well established and solid, however, Windows 8 is right around the corner and the feeling is that it will be released before the end of the year. No word on price. The thing is that it is completely different than anything they have ever done before. This is a kin to the huge change they made when they released Windows 95 back in 1995. Windows 8 has a complete different look. They call it the metro design and begin to look more like a tablet interface. So, here is a link (you may have to cut and paste from this newsletter) to a You Tube video with shows the basic of this drastic change. <http://youtu.be/p92QWFOw88I> This should give you a working idea of what is coming and if you might want to upgrade to the more familiar and traditional look of Windows 7. Windows 8 is out in beta for download if you want to try it. Don't try the beta on your machine. If you have an old Windows machine around, that would be the place to try it. I have an old Windows Net Book that we don't use anymore since we switched to Apple system. I loaded the Beta on it. It works and is fast but a little confusing from what we have been accustomed to for all these years. Here is a link where you can get the Windows 8 Beta download:

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-8/download>

To me and many others geeks, Microsoft is trying to play catch up to Apple. They are going to push the upcoming Microsoft Windows 8 Tablet and that is why the new user Interface looks so much like a tablet. As always I strongly recommend a switch to Apple. It is so much easier to use and understand than Windows and I still say that the Apple iPad is the number one best device for RVers.

Lastly, I have still been thinking more and more about how an all-electric car would be perfect for RVs. Easy to tow, can be charged while you are towing, while connected to your RV, with minor wiring changes, it would be charged from the campground when you have the RV plugged in. With a 50 to 80 mile range, in most cases it would be all you need. Just something to think about.

Oh, and don't forget to let us know when you change your email address.

Stan Cook, Webmaster

TREASURER'S & NEW MEMBER REPORT

Notes from the Treasurer: Sharleen Rathmell, Treasurer.

On a personal note:

Another quarter just past and it has been busy for us. We spent two months at our condo in Gulf Shores, AL then home for a month. In February, Pete decided to put together a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans picnic on March 31st. With the help of several other veteran groups in NW Arkansas, they were able to organize and pull off a great event even in just six weeks. Over 600 people attended and this will now become an annual event in NW Arkansas. There was a special ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans and all veterans were welcome. If you get a chance to go to an event such as this one, please attend. Ours was very uplifting and many had tears in their eyes. Next year we need to remember to pass out tissues.

We have our first 2012 RV trip in May, our first caravan, to Colorado. We are looking to getting out again and seeing our beautiful country.

Now Sub Vet RVers news: As of March 31, 2012, our bank accounts are as follows

Checking:

	Beginning Balance	\$269.64
Deposit:		
New Members Dues	\$80.00	
Checks		
Newsletter Expense	\$31.82	
Transfer to Savings	\$5.00	
	Ending Balance	\$312.82

Savings:

	Beginning Balance	\$4,106.79
Deposit:		

Transfer from Checking	\$5.00	
Interest	\$1.02	
Ending Balance		<u>\$4,112.81</u>
Grand Total		<u>\$4,425.63</u>

Please welcome our newest members Chuck and Bonnie Killgore from Orlando, FL and Jim and Claire DeVries from Salem, OR.

I hope to see you in September at our annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Sharleen Rathmell, Treasurer

SECRETARY NOTES

We have made reservations at the Holiday Travel-Park of Virginia Beach and will arrive there on September 2nd. We are looking forward to meeting with you during this USSVI Convention. We have purchased a new RV and love it a lot (2012 Open Range 391RES)



Dewey Reed, Secretary

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For applications to give a friend to join, please refer to the Website. Remember, your friends do not need to be a member of the USSVI to become a Subvetrver. Some sections of the Website can only be accessed by using a User Name and Password. (User Name is **subvetrver** and the Password in **dolphins**) <http://www.subvetrvers.com>.

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